

**Name: Chelsea Achterberg**

**Lay/Rostered:** Pastor

**Nominated for:** Synod Council

**Category if Applicable:** Lay or Rostered Metro East Conference

**Occupation:** Pastor

**Conference:** Metro East

**Home Congregation:** All Saints, Aurora, CO

**Member how long:** Feb 2021

**List three current or past congregational or synodical service activities. List the activity and dates started and ended:**

**Activity 1:**

US Army Reserve Chaplain, 2015-Present

**Activity 2:**

Churchwide Assembly Voter, 2019

**Activity 3:**

Student Body President, Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, 2016-2017

**Briefly describe your sense of God's call into mission and service in the Synod through this office:**

Even before I began serving in RMS, I worked to be engaged with what was going on here and to grow my connection within RMS. That has grown into a sense of call to be more connected with others in the synod and to understanding of our synod initiatives, practices, and goals. It's important to me that young and newly ordained pastors are engaged in the decision making processes and governance in the ELCA. I see this position on synod council as another way to live that commitment to our present and our future as a synod and a whole church.

**Describe your skills and experiences that would be an asset to this office:**

I have twice accepted a nomination to be a Churchwide Assembly voter because of my commitment to engage with the broader church and the decisions that are requirement as part of such a large body. My diverse ministry settings, serving as a parish pastor full time, a part time military chaplain, and a PRN hospital chaplain, mean I am engaged with a variety of people and organizational leadership systems and styles. They also bring an abundance of experience with administrative leadership. In all of those settings we have to look at situations individually but also be bold in doing the difficult right thing. They also require looking at the details of right now and the bigger picture of where we are going. All of these would be useful for the variety of topics and decisions that synod council works with.



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